

## CROP BULLETIN.

Reports from Bureau of Agriculture.

FAVORABLE FOR FARMERS.

Corn Is Up in the Portion of the State.

Being Planted.

March 5.—United States

of Agriculture, Climate and

of the Weather Bureau, Texas

bulletin for the week end,

March 4, 1897.

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## AMERICAN LADIES INSULTED.

Mexican Jingoism Aroused Over Negotiations for the Return of Flags Captured During the Mexican War.

St. Louis, Mo., March 5.—A special from Guadalajara, Mexico, says: Almost a warlike spirit was aroused among the people of Mexico by the coming of Messrs. Hinde, Sloan and Pierce of Boston to enter into negotiations with the Mexican government for the return of the flags captured by the Mexican troops during the war of 1847. The newspapers of the republic are indulging in intemperate language regarding the mission of the gentlemen, and they are denouncing Americans and America in most incendiary language, going so far as to demand of the United States, at the cannon's mouth, if necessary, a return of all the territory taken from Mexico. They specify California, Colorado, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas as the property which has been "stolen" from this country. So strong is the sentiment against America that ladies are openly insulted in the streets and stores, and if their escorts resent the offense they are dragged off to jail and fined.

## THREATEN A REVOLT. ISLAND CITY BUDGET.

POPULIST EDITORS LAY DOWN THE LAW TO BUTLER.

If He Will Not Call a Convention at Their Dictation, They Will Do It Themselves, They Say.

Dallas, Texas, March 5.—Milton Park, editor of the Southern Mercury of this city, as chairman of a special committee appointed for the purpose at the recent Memphis meeting of the National Reform Press association, today mailed to Senator Marion Butler, National chairman of the populist party, a letter demanding a meeting of the populist National executive committee at a date not later than May 1. The communication explains that a meeting of the executive committee is wanted for the purpose of ordering a representative conference or National convention of the people's party not later than July 4. It also states that unless Butler shall make the necessary arrangements for the calling of the National convention the middle-of-the-road editors will take the matter in charge and run it to suit themselves. This is the first intimation that anything like this was proposed, as the appointment of the committee has been kept a secret.

Associated with Chairman Park in this movement are W. S. Morgan of Hardy, Ark., and Abe Steinberger of Topeka, Kan., all anti-fusionists. They are angry at the course of Chairman Butler in the late campaign and take the step with the avowed intention of making their party a separate and independent organization again. Chairman Park would like to see the convention held in Dallas, but says he hardly believes this is probable. Failing to get the meeting here, he will recommend that it be held at Topeka. The action of the Reform Press association in ordering this course is looked upon as a revolt against their National committee. Editor Park says he expects trouble, but that the life of the populist party depends upon a resolute stand and the middle-of-the-road people will not permit their organization to die if that can be averted.

## Want a Local Option Election.

McKinney, Texas, March 4.—The decision of the supreme court rendered yesterday affirming the decision of the lower courts in the Harry Williams and George Malone cases, from this city, is causing a great deal of interest here on the local option question. As a result a number of stands closed their doors and a petition is being circulated asking the commissioners court to order another election on the question.

The protracted meeting which has been in progress at the Presbyterian church in this city for three weeks past has closed. Rev. Frank Wright, the Indian evangelist who did the preaching during the meeting, with rich results, has returned to his people in the year. More than forty confessions and thirty accessions to the church were the direct results of the meeting. Nearly all the ministers of the city co-operated in the meeting for the extension of the Master's kingdom.

## Court House Not Accepted.

Waxahachie, Texas, March 5.—The county has not accepted the court house yet. Judge Smith yesterday told the county would not receive the building until everything had been put in good shape.

Mr. James L. McCartney has been elected as a delegate to the State Farmers' association by the members of the W. H. Gettysburg house and engine company. James O. Hammett will attend the meeting of the association as a representative of the department. He is chief of the department and has been attending these meetings for several years. El Paso will be the meeting place this year.

Mrs. John G. Williams presented the Waxahachie fire department with a check for \$25 this morning. This gift was an incentive to push the boys on to deeds of valor in future. During the fire which destroyed the block owned by Mrs. Williams the department did noble work.

## Indicted for Murder.

Brenham, Texas, March 5.—The grand jury returned five true bills Friday morning. All are for felonies. Among the number is one against Hermann Schimmel, charging him with the murder of Wright Ross, the old negro man who was shot and killed from ambush near Independence last Saturday night.

Hermann Schimmel and his father, August Schimmel, were both committed to jail by Justice Shannon last Sunday as a result of the inquest, but the grand jury returned no bill against August Schimmel, and he was released from custody Thursday night.

Judge E. R. Sinks went up to Giddings today.

## New Pastor Installed.

Gainesville, Texas, March 4.—Quite an interesting ceremony was witnessed last evening at the First Presbyterian church in this city, being the installation of Rev. Wm. McHeeters as pastor. The installation sermon was preached by Rev. Bishop, followed by Rev. Dr. Henry S. Little, both of Denison. The latter addressed the new of Denison. The pastor was expected and required of him. Rev. James Anderson followed in a very interesting talk to the congregation on their duties to the pastor.

## Improvements at Victoria.

Victoria, Texas, March 5.—Mr. L. A. Fritz yesterday awarded the contract to H. D. Applegate for the erection of a two-story residence on the corner of Glass and Santa Rosa street.

The Collins Manufacturing company of San Antonio secured the contract for the erection of the new cotton gin for the Farmers and Merchants Cotton Gin company at \$5745. It will be an eight-gin seventy-saw gin.

## A HEAVY RAIN IMPEDED PEDESTRIANISM.

New Building to Be Erected—Rev. Southfield Is Looking Up Cases Against Gamblers.

Galveston, Texas, March 5.—A drenching rain began falling shortly after noon and continued with slight intermission until midnight. As usual after a heavy rain in Galveston the streets were flooded and some of the streets were almost impassable for pedestrians, except such as were prepared for wading. The rain was not unwelcome nevertheless, as the weather has been quite dry for a few days, having cleared up as soon as the festivities incident to the visit of the battleship Texas were over and the vessel gone! That is the way it usually is here, but just what excuse the weather clerk could offer for such a dense fog as prevailed early this morning and for such a protracted downpour of rain this afternoon might not be easy to guess.

## THE DALLAS TRAGEDY.

Stegmann Alone Was Responsible in the Killing of Reinhardt.

Dallas, Texas, March 5.—Mrs. John Buhner, John Buhner, Ernest Stegmann, the brother of Alfred Stegmann, and several other witnesses were before the grand jury this morning, and it is said that they thoroughly sifted the story of the Reinhardt-Stegmann tragedies. It was stated this morning that the result of the inquiry had brought forth all the additional facts and showed conclusively that Alfred Stegmann was alone responsible for the killing of Reinhardt. He intended to threaten the latter and waited for him at the Buhner home on the night of the tragedy. Hot words passed between the two men and Stegmann, wrought up to a pitch of jealous madness, struck Reinhardt the blow that caused his death. He struck him harder than he intended and when he learned that his victim was dead he at first started to leave, but afterwards came back. Rather than be arrested he sought death in suicide. Stegmann's remains will be interred tomorrow by a local Swiss society, of which he was a member.

## Editors Return From Mexico.

Eagle Pass, Texas, March 4.—About 200 members of the National Press association returned through here yesterday from an excursion to Mexico. They expressed their well pleased with the trip, but were of the opinion that the United States is a very good country.

Captain Sanson, who is an applicant for the collectorship of this port, went to Washington to take in the inauguration and to look after his fences. He is working hard for the place and feels satisfied with the progress he is making.

Mexicans along the border have already begun to ask if the duties have been changed any since McKinley's inauguration.

## Two Chiefs Elected.

Cleburne, Texas, March 5.—Tuesday night the fire department held a meeting to elect a chief, vice J. M. Thomas, resigned. The contestants for the honor were J. H. Mims and D. R. Casey. Casey was elected by a vote of 12 to 10. The defeated side were much disappointed. Last night they held another meeting and elected Mr. J. D. Oliver chief. This action angered Mr. Casey's friends.

Mr. Jesse Ellis, secretary of the State Fire association, is preparing to send out blanks for reports from the various companies in the State entitled to delegates at the next session, to be held at El Paso.

## Street Paving for Temple.

Temple, Texas, March 5.—The question of street paving in Temple is attracting public attention just now. The offer of Mr. J. T. Smith to donate 2000 cars of material for this purpose to the city has put the citizens to figuring and now a proposition is to be taken before the board of trade whereby the property owners are to bear one-third of the expense on each side of the street for paving and the city is to pay the center one-third. If this goes through Temple will soon be on the high road to an improvement needed for a long time.

## Clark Given Two Years.

Tyler, Texas, March 5.—The arguments were closed in the Clark case last night, and at 10:30 Judge Watkins charged the jury on all phases of homicide, including self-defense. At 8 o'clock tonight the jury returned their verdict, finding Clark guilty of manslaughter and assessing his punishment at two years in the penitentiary.

## Can't Raise the Funds.

Dallas, Texas, March 5.—President Lawrence Kniffly of the State Fair directory is still wrestling with the business men of Dallas for the raising of that \$100,000 that is essential to the exposition. The amount has not been subscribed and a great many believe there will be no fair held this fall.

## Allege Incendiarism.

Waco, Texas, March 5.—An affidavit was filed in Justice Earle's court today alleging that the fire originating in Sam Hirsch's tailoring shop Wednesday night was of incendiary origin. The fire consumed Hirsch's stock and machines and damaged the printing shop adjoining. The inquest will be taken up tomorrow.

## Gambler Cases.

Rev. Leon Southfield was at the city court this morning, going over the State and city dockets, and making a record of the gambling cases which have been tried in that court during the last three or four years. He will separate those which were tried by a jury from those in which a jury was waived.

## A NEW OFFICE.

The city council tonight created the position of comptroller. Mr. A. Ferrier was chosen to fill the position at a salary of \$900 per annum.

## Fatal Stabbing Affray.

Galveston, Texas, March 4.—Wm. Hall, who lives near Jintown, I. T., had an altercation with W. D. Mobley, a renter on his place, and will probably die. There has been trouble between them for some time; Mobley sent Hall word to come down and they could fix the matter up. As soon as they commenced talking Mobley called Hall a liar. Hall struck at him when Mobley, it is alleged, caught him around the neck with his left arm and with his right used his knife, which he had open in his sleeve, with deadly effect, making no less than seven stabs. Hall is still living, with no chance for recovery. Mobley fled and has not been caught. Both are married men with families.

## Gainesville Gossip.

Gainesville, Texas, March 4.—The Santa Fe shops are running full time and have all the work the limited force can do. A large number of cattlemen will leave here on Sunday next for the convention at San Antonio.

Pat Ware, the best known ex-sheep in the State, is lying dangerously ill with inflammatory rheumatism at his home in this city.

## Luling Locals.

Luling, Texas, March 5.—Luling lodge No. 55, Sons of Hermann, at their last

meeting Monday night elected the following officers: G. C. Zellweger, president; vice president, Charles Voigt; secretary, D. C. Muenster; M. H. Epstein, treasurer; Joe Kraft, guide; Henry Fischer, inside guard; Oscar Pocher, outside guard; Trustees: H. Hummel, A. Revordorf, Henry Alza; D. C. Muenster, representative to the Grand Lodge. The order at this place is in an exceedingly flourishing condition and is rapidly increasing in membership.

## NEGRO LYNCHED.

Was Suspected of Burglary and Was Killed by Masked Men.

Elgin, Texas, March 5.—During the past few weeks a number of burglaries have taken place here. Yesterday evening the city marshal returned from Taylor with a negro, Will Hughes, suspected of the crimes, and placed him under guard at a saloon while he went to arrest another negro alleged to have been implicated with Hughes. While the constable was absent a masked man went to the side door of the room where Hughes was and fired at him with a shotgun, breaking his right arm. The guard came to his rescue and saved his life. About 3 o'clock in the morning the constable was told that an effort was being made to get at the prisoner he had placed in the calaboose and promptly went there to protect him, arriving just in time, as the door had been battered down. He took the suspect to the woods to escape the lynchers, but thought Hughes was safe. Two masked men forced their way into the room where the negro was and shot him to death, firing into the dead body many times. No clue.

## STORM IN NORTH TEXAS.

Heavy Damage to Buildings at Corsicana and Frost.

ONE MAN WAS SEVERELY INJURED.

Others Hurt, But None Seriously.

Loss on the Property Destroyed Runs Into the Thousands.

Corsicana, Texas, March 5.—Parties in from Frost, eighteen miles west of this city, report much damage done at that place by the storm, which passed over this city later in the morning. The drug store of Utley & Dunnagan, a brick building, is reported as totally destroyed. Damage estimated at \$7000. The Methodist church was completely wrecked, a loss of \$5000. A. M. Campbell's residence was destroyed at a loss of \$1000.

A number of other residences are reported more or less wrecked and a number of persons reported injured, but none seriously.

It is estimated that the storm which passed over this country last night destroyed property to the value of \$10,000 and more. Some stock were killed outright. People in the storm-swept district escaped with slight wounds; no deaths reported.

## At Corsicana.

Corsicana, Texas, March 5.—A heavy wind storm passed over this city last night about 3 o'clock, blowing in a southeasterly direction. A number of houses were unroofed in the southwestern and southeastern parts of the city.

In West Corsicana, where the force of the storm was first felt, the residence of Mr. H. C. Usher, a two-story frame structure, was blown to atoms. There were six persons, all members of the family, occupying the building at the time, but all escaped with their lives. Mr. Usher, who was ill, sustained internal injuries. Littleton, a child, sustained a badly bruised eye and one finger on her left hand was broken. John sustained a scalp wound on the back of the head. The rest of the family escaped uninjured.

The storm struck the Collins street school building in the rear and almost completely demolished the rear half section. The damage will probably exceed \$1000.

The Matthews house, in the extreme southern business portion of the city, was unroofed and the interior flooded with water. No one was injured. Damage estimated at about \$500.

The Catholic convent on Collin street was partly unroofed. Damage estimated at about \$100.

As the storm passed over the southwestern portion of the city some small residences and outbuildings were more or less damaged.

The storm passed over the city without the usual attending fatalities, and so far as reports have been received no one has been injured except those enumerated above.

## At Texarkana.

Texarkana, Ark., March 5.—A terrific storm of wind and rain visited here at 4 o'clock this morning, doing great damage to fencing and shade trees. A number of houses were also blown down, but so far as learned nobody was seriously hurt. Telegraph wires were also blown down for miles and for several hours all communication with the outside world was shut off.

Much greater damage is reported from Hope, Ark., thirty miles north of here on the Iron mountain railroad.

## At Terrell.

Terrell, Texas, March 4.—There was a heavy rain and electric storm last evening. There was not much wind accompanying, but the rain was very heavy and the lightning vivid. The electric lights went out in many places, and it is supposed the cause was the tremendous amount of electricity in the air for several hours.

## Sales of Cattle.

Luling, Texas, March 5.—A big cattle deal between Wells of Gonzales and Lynn of this city was closed this morning. It embodied cattle, calves, yearlings and two figures private. Live stock are on the jump in this section.

## A Correction.

Corsicana, Texas, March 5.—In these dispatches yesterday the types used this correspondent quote Representative Wilcox, a member of the Orphans' home inspection committee, as saying: "Every institution in the State wants large appropriations, and our idea is to put the funds, as nearly as possible, though the home does seek that which is not justly due." The last part of that paragraph should have read, to properly quote Mr. Wilcox: "Though the home does seek that which is justly due it." This in justice to Mr. Wilcox and the management of the home.

## Contract for a Sanitarium.

Dallas, Texas, March 5.—The contract for St. Paul's sanitarium, to be erected under the auspices of the Catholic Sisters of Charity, was let today to L. W. Divilian of Olathe, Kan., for \$87,175. There were bidders also from St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago, Dallas and Fort Worth. The highest bid was by Morgan & Bushell of Dallas, \$111,000. There were more than twenty firms bidding for the contract. Local contractors were sadly disappointed at the work going to an outsider. Building operations are to begin on March 15.

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A good all Wool double breasted Suit, ages 4 to 14, for \$1.50.

All Wool Single Breasted Knee Pants Suits, \$2.00.

\$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00 for Boys' Knee Suits, double breasted styles, ages 4 to 16; a great many different styles to select from at each of above prices.

Boys' Shirt Waists, 50c, 75c and 95c. Children's Blouses, 50c, 75c and 95c.

## Boys' Long Pants Suits.

Ages 14 to 17. Correct Spring attire in Light and Medium colors, nobby in cut and style, and in very handsome and exclusive patterns of Checks and Plaids.

Prices for these splendid Suits only \$6.00, \$7.00, \$7.50 and \$10.00.

Youths' Shoes 75c a pair.

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Boys' Fast Black Stockings, 10c a pair, or three pairs for 25c.

Bicycle and Golf Caps, smart spring styles, for the boys and girls.

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